

In RE application of K. SHIMOOKA et al.

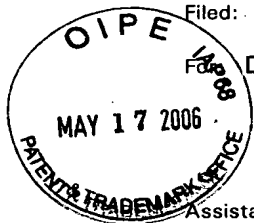
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For DATA PROTECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OR

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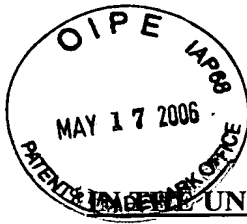
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.